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Washington, Apr 3 - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement in response to the latest national unemployment



Congressman Pence
speaking with small business
owners in his district

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numbers [released](#) by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which shows the national unemployment rate rising to 8.5 percent during the month of March:

"The statistics continue to confirm the very challenging times in which we live. But behind the statistics are the men, women and families struggling to get by and hoping for a better future. Unfortunately, despite bipartisan opposition, last night the Democrat-led Congress passed the President's misguided budget that threatens to worsen our economic situation by dramatically increasing taxes on our nation's families.

"It's time for an economic recovery plan that lays out a path back to prosperity through fiscal discipline and tax relief, not out-of-control government spending at the expense of our children and grandchildren. Hoosiers know we can't spend, borrow, and tax our way back to a growing economy. That is why Republicans have continually provided better solutions that will put the American people back to work. It's time that Washington ends

its addictive tax and spend habits, and make the family budget the number one priority."